

How to get involved in the HSCB!

Join a workgroup.
Where do you want to make a difference?

- Transportation
- Foster care, Adoption, Kinship Services
- Substance Abuse
- Homelessness
- Healthy Youth
- Suicide Prevention
- Hunger
- Disabled Individuals
- Older Adults
- Young Children
- Community Data

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What's New in Livingston?

The Senior Reach Program

Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority received a grant from the **Michigan Health Endowment Fund in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and Community Mental Health Services of Livingston County**, to provide a new program that offers FREE assistance to Livingston County residents who are 60 years old or older. The goal is to provide assistance before a crisis occurs.

How does Senior Reach Work?

Call the Senior Reach referral line at **(517) 404-0614** to speak with Jamie Sultana (jsultana@cmhliv.org) or Erica Foley (efoley@cmhliv.org), and explain your concern. They will then contact the identified senior.

If the senior agrees, either Erica or Jamie will do a home visit to determine what services are needed. Senior Reach specialists provide connection to com-

munity resources, care management, emotional support, and education.

What are some signs that someone may need assistance?

- Confusion, disorientation
- Difficulty seeing, hearing, walking
- Recent loss of a spouse
- Anxious, depressed
- Withdrawn or isolated
- Loss of appetite
- Unkempt, dirty clothes
- Home needs repair
- Trash or mail being neglected
- Confused about money matters

Senior Reach
517-404-0614



Collaboration Works!

The Livingston County Hunger Council is excited and honored to be selected as part of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan's Healthy Food Connect Initiative. The **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan** is a full-service philanthropic organization leading the way to positive change in our region. The Community Foundation's **Healthy Food Connect** initiative seeks to connect children and seniors throughout the region to the people, places and programs that ensure they have healthy food access every day.

This grant will allow the Council to expand and enhance their efforts.

- A mobile food truck will be purchased for fresh produce and food services delivery into any area in the county. The truck will include folding tables and umbrellas to create instant mo-

bile food sites.

- Local food pantries will now have refrigerators that will help to extend product shelf life and diversify food options.
- Expansion of the community garden programs will allow for additional sites and hoop houses which can extend the length of the growing season.
- Expansion and relocation of the Summer Lunch Bunch program into identified areas of need.
- Produce Carts at each Senior Center will provide fresh veggies and fruits over the growing season.
- Extending the Cooking Matters program to offer cooking classes throughout the county.
- Partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital to support their Prescription for Health initiative, which provides a "prescription" and tokens, to purchase fruits and vegetables for better health.
- Education and Marketing efforts to ensure all residents have awareness of, and access to, these services.

Together we can tackle Hunger!



Homeless Awareness Week

The week of November 14th –18th is the Homeless Awareness Week. This year we have some amazing events planned to raise awareness of this county-wide problem.

- Art Show at the Howell Opera House on the 17th. Including art from 3 local schools
- Opera House will have speakers sharing their stories
- Silhouettes located throughout the county
- The Historic Howell Movie Theatre will be playing "The Blind Side"
- "Somebodies" will be placed throughout the county. These life-sized stuffed friends represent homeless people living on the streets.
- Possibly a scavenger hunt where people are given a situation where they are homeless and they must navigate how to get help.

Please consider joining us for some or all of these wonderful events. If you want to get more involved, please contact Terri Ariss at tariss@cmhliv.org



Funding to Watch

In August, the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Great Start announced some 600 families in Michigan with young children will benefit from Home Visitation grants awarded to 15 Great Start Collaboratives, including Great Start Livingston.

Home Visitation grants, designed to improve and expand home visitation programs and services in Michigan, provide an essential resource to at-risk and high-need families; home visitation programs promote the engagement of families in their children's education and development and "are a proven strategy to reach parents early, and offer them support in these critical stages of child development," said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. "Great Start Livingston is excited to work with LACASA to en-

hance the Healthy Families Livingston Home Visitation program and provide home visiting services to families in Livingston County." Robin Schutz, Coordinator, Great Start Livingston.

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (Livingston ESA) is one of 56 intermediate school districts in Michigan providing support services throughout Livingston County. Great Start Livingston is part of the Livingston ESA's Early Childhood Program and one of the fifteen Great Start Collaborative recipients. The Home Visitation grant funds will allow Healthy Families America (HFA) to offer Home Visiting Program services to at risk families in Livingston County. HFA is a national, evidence-based program that improves maternal and infant health, promotes positive parenting practices, builds healthy parent and child relationships, enhances social-emotional development, supports



cognitive development, improves the health of the family, and empowers families to be self-sufficient. HFA will be administered through Great Start Livingston's community partner, LACASA. Funding in the amount of \$94,284 will be awarded for staff training, purchase of the required software, staff salaries, and home visitation costs including materials, equipment and travel expenses.

"Healthy Families Livingston is thrilled to celebrate its 20th year of service with this generous funding allocation. We look forward to continued work with families with young children." Polly Mallory, Director of Family Prevention Services, LACASA.

County Opportunities

Community Ventures provides Flint residents with employment opportunities and support in Livingston County

Community Ventures (CV) is an innovative economic development initiative that promotes employment and social enterprise in the state's most distressed urban areas.

CV eligible Flint and Pontiac residents who are employed with a CV employer may have the added benefit of wrap-around support services through a local service provider, such as Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA). As one of the Community Ventures Service Providers for Flint residents who are working in Livingston County, OLHSA will elimi-

nate employability challenges and encourage professional growth. Obstacles to employment will be removed through help with transportation, child care and obtaining professional attire or uniforms. CV participants will also be given one-on-one mentoring that includes career coaching, soft skills training and hard skills training. CV participants will set career goals, build action item lists and identify any hurdles they may need assistance with.

Needs CV will meet:

- Provide real jobs for people with few employment options
- Address key barriers for employment
- Prepare people for career success
- Help people improve professionally and develop an employment history
- Provide safer communities

CV achieves its goal through:

- Employer grants
- Wrap-around services
- Career pathways
- Business supports

Livingston employers also have the opportunity to participate in an Employer Resource Network (ERN). ERN's were designed to respond to concerns of business owners about the retention of their workforces. The ERN creates access and resources for employee success that leads to improved employment retention and lower hiring costs. CV has taken the initiative to launch an ERN in Livingston County and is working with the West Michigan Team, OLHSA, Mott Community College and the Department of Health & Human Services to provide ERN companies with the support they need to achieve success.

For more information, contact OLHSA at 517-546-8500

Livingston Co. Community Celebration

LACASA's CAP Council Promoted to Highest Level in State

LACASA's Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council was recently promoted to the highest Local Council level available through the Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF). CTF is a statewide non-profit organization, housed within the Department of Health and Human Services and dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. Each county across the state is served by a CTF-designated Local Council that focuses on the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Funding for CTF local councils is based on a tier structure, with councils falling into a category from Tier I through Tier III. The tier level assigned to each council is based on its level of staffing, its policies and procedures, and the amount and type of prevention work it provides within the community.

LACASA's CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) Council has sought to operate at the level of a Tier III Local Council for the past several years, even though funding has not been available from CTF to allow for a formal change in status. This summer, thanks to newly available funds at CTF, Tier I and Tier II councils across the state were given the opportunity to apply for elevated status.

Pinwheels for Prevention

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In early August, CAP Council Coordinator Holly Naylor received word from CTF that LACASA's CAP Council has been awarded Tier III status – the highest available – and will now receive twice the funding from CTF each year that it did as a Tier II council.

Criteria for consideration in the tier movement application included, among other things, the impact and relationships local councils have within their communities.

"The Livingston County community has consistently demonstrated support of the CAP Council in many ways," said Naylor, "including planting pinwheel gardens during the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, participation in and attendance of our annual Pinwheels for Prevention Kick-Off event and hosting booths at and attending our Community Baby Shower."

LACASA's CAP Council hopes to grow community support and involvement even more as it utilizes increased CTF funding to further the reach of its current programs and add new programming aimed at preventing child sexual abuse.

Livingston Story of Hope



Two Work Skills Corporation Artists Finalists in Howell DDA Art Project Competition

For more than four decades, Work Skills Corporation (WSC) has helped people with disabilities and other barriers find jobs. The process may be different for each individual as it is based on his or her interests and abilities.

Artisan Corner, the WSC art program, allows partici

pants to reap the therapeutic benefits of creating art in a multitude of media and take pride in displaying and selling their work for income. Two WSC artisans recently had their paintings juried into the top 12 of this year's Howell Art Project, competing against artists from across the state. Their artwork was selected based on their ability, not their disability. After a public vote, *Michigan Spring* (left), by Matt Sadler, won 2nd Place overall, as well as the "People's Choice" Award. On the right is *Electric Nature*, by Matt Salminen, which was also in the top 12. Look at those smiles!!! These guys and their families were thrilled to have been chosen as finalists. Both paintings sold at the August 10th auction, with 70% of the proceeds going directly to the artists. Reproductions of the top eight art pieces have been installed on the exterior of downtown Howell businesses; *Michigan Spring* can be seen at First National Bank.

WSC could not be prouder of these talented young men! Stop by WSC's Studio West Gallery in Brighton to see more Artisan Corner items...ceramics, paintings, jewelry and much more. Each sale provides income to the artists! If you would like to visit WSC for a visit and meet some of our amazing participants, contact Julie at 810.534.6152 or julies@wskills.com.

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Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org.

Upcoming Events in Livingston

COMING TOGETHER
IS A BEGINNING;
KEEPING TOGETHER IS
PROGRESS; WORKING
TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.

— Henry Ford

Area Agency on Aging Trainings—Call 800-852-7795 for more information

“A Matter of Balance Training” - \$15

Area Agency on Aging is hosting this training at the Village Manor Retirement Center in Howell.
Class is September 6th from 1:30-3:30

“Chronic Disorganization and Hoarding Behavior: The Issues and Interventions”
Presented by the Washtenaw County Hoarding Task Force—FREE
September 22nd, 1:30-3 with a discussion from 3-4 on next steps for our county.

Training is at EMS Building on Tooley Road
“Creating Competent Caregiver Workshop” - FREE
Livingston Co. Catholic Charities will host this series. Dates are October 6, 13, 20, 27 and
November 3 and 10 from 4-6 pm.

“Diabetes Path Workshop” - \$15 for 6 weeks! Classes offered at 4 locations with starting date below.

Putnam Township Senior Center—Sept. 8th from 10am -12:30 pm
Hartland Senior Center—Sept 9th from 1-3:30 pm
Independence Village of Brighton—Sept. 15th from 1-3:30 pm
Howell Senior Center—Oct. 14th from 1-3:30 pm.

Annual Alternative Devil’s Night Party at the Opera House
The Connection Youth Services will be hosting this event on October 30th from 4-9 pm. Event will
be filled with fun activities and prizes for the kids.

Homeless Awareness Week Events! - See Page 2 for more information

“Mandated Reporter Training and Stewards of Children Workshop”
CAP Council will be offering this training On November 1st for
8 am—4 pm at the EMS Building on
Tooley Road

We are on the web at :
<http://www.livgov.com/hscb/>



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